COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, *the* *3rd of August 1931.* / *18th of Karkadagam 1106.*

The House met at half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. K. T. Mathew, C. A. Ouseph, P. K. Subramania Ayyar and P. I. Varugis were absent.

Swearing in of New Members.

Messrs. K. Kunjunni Nayar (Member co-opted for the Tenancy Bill), A. I. Mani (Member for Chalakkudi), V. D. Ouseph (Government Advocate and Law Officer), P. Raman Menon (Member co-opted for the Tenancy Bill) and K. Ramunni Menon (the Conservator of Forests) took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council:—It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to this Budget Session of the Council. The Budget Session is perhaps the most important session of the year and its importance is enhanced on this occasion by the period of depression and uncertainty through which we are passing. This depression and uncertainty have necessarily reacted upon the finances of the State and the Budget in consequence requires even more careful consideration than usual. I am sure it will receive from all Hon'ble Members the careful consideration which it deserves. Before I sit down I would request the co-operation of all Hon'ble Members in guiding the deliberations of the Council. We shall now proceed to the next item in the agenda:—

Questions and Answers.

Representative—Round Table Conference.

1. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(i) what was the amount they spent towards educating their representative to the Round Table Conference;

(ii) who was their representative;

(iii) who instructed him;

(iv) what was his (instructor's) remuneration?

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